

BRITISH IN 2 DRIVES

NOW GAIN IN WEST

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battered their way into Langemarck they found very few troops defending it.

Back of all this deep front the Germans undoubtedly have continued to em-

play the old system of trenches, but should the advance of the Allies continue these in turn will unquestionably give way to the shell hole system. The Germans have also taken advantage of every farmhouse in the construction of strong concrete redoubts for machine guns. In many cases they have constructed steel and concrete forts, almost impervious to artillery fire.

Numbers of these strongholds are bulwarks entirely underground, the only exit being through a steel tran door by means of

which the Germans come out to set up machine guns. A large number of these redoubts have been found to the east and north of Ypres, and the territory over which the French fought to the left was mainly defended in this way.

In innumerable cases it happened that the advancing Allies swept beyond the Germans concealed in shell holes or in concrete dugouts. Invariably the British have to put up with sniping from the rear, but ultimately they account for every German who has remained behind.

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**German Redoubt Surrenders
Knock on Door.**
By the Associated Press

...the German tendency to dig out
...upon large numbers of
...men in the trenches
...where they would be
...in the artillery.
...the defense
...and concrete, and
...honeycombed with
...tunnels. Almost every building had been
...destroyed by the Germans and the
...ruins have been fortified with machine
...gun emplacements.
...to the Germans remain on the
...trenches, while the others will
...be destroyed. The
...towers were
...destroyed by the
...Germans.

were pushing the Allies hard. The fighting among these new German defenders has given rise to many thrilling incidents. In the battle about Langemarck on the opening of the latest offensive a young officer and twenty Somerset men had got through Langemarck and were forging ahead along the road to the north when they encountered two strong concrete redoubts, one behind the other.

The Somersets surrounded the first redoubt, and although under a cruel fire assaulted it with bombs and machine guns and forced the garrison of thirty Germans to surrender. They then started

The officer hurled two bombs through a narrow opening into the redoubt and threw two more against the steel door but without effect. Rushing up to the door he hammered with his fist and called out fiercely for the Germans

The remnant of the little British band collected its seventy-two prisoners and returned to its own lines.

British Fire Causes Scattering of Forces.

By the Associated Press.

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Aug. 12.—The Germans are rapidly making a radical change in the methods of defence along the British battle front in northern France and Belgium. The continuous lines of wonderfully constructed forward trenches, with their deep dugouts, in which lived a fought great numbers of men, are fast passing into the discard.

The enemy is adopting the system of scattering his advance forces over great depth. Cunningly constructed strongholds among the myriad of holes along the front now conceal isolated garrisons of men who formerly fought shoulder to shoulder along great stretches of picturesque ditches, through which communication was not broken for miles.

This alteration has been brought about by the ever growing preponderance of British and American shells hurled at the German front line trenches, until

avalanche of shells, leaving the defense nothing but heaped furrows of earth and turning the famous dugouts into man traps in which countless thousands have lost their lives without a chance of fighting back.

The continuous deluge of breaking steel made repair work on the trench impossible, and, as the Germans were gradually pushed back they of necessity were forced to invent another mode of stemming the ever advancing tide.

So it has come to be depth of defense upon which the German depends in many places rather than the strength

disclosed many examples of this new scheme of fighting, which bids fair to take the place of the tactics of the last three years.

Wherever the German front trenches have been made untenable, where a British attack is expected, it finds the new order of things. The German lines now often consist of strong posts concealed in shell craters

Back of these outposts are chains of shell hole nests, each nest consisting of two or three craters connected by underground passages that often lead to ditches. As the entire territory is pitted with holes, this is easy of accomplishment and it may be presumed that the Germans figure it will be hard for allied observers to pick out the defended shell holes from the thousands of other

Where time was allowed the Germans have made the shell hole defences with elaborate care. Each nest is heavily protected by barbed wire, and the chambers beneath are reinforced with timber and concrete. In these the infantry

VERSIONS OF CONFLICT
**Official Reports From Allied and
Turkish Capitals.**
LONDON, Aug. 19.—Official reports regarding the fighting on the western

British (Day)—We carried out successful local operation early this morning southeast of Epehy, in which we captured the German trenches in the neighborhood of Guillemont Farm.

On the night of Thursday and Friday enemy aircraft bombed the British casualty clearing stations. Two wounded German prisoners were

1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.
